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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. McGEORGE BUNDY 5
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Subject: Intelligence Note

Attached is a paper which Mr. Hilsman felt might be of interest to you. This paper was prepared in INR.

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Executive Secretary

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Intelligence Note:
Rumors of a September Peace Treaty

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TO : The Secretary
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FROM : DNR - Roger Hillsman

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INTELLIGENCE NOTE: RUMORS OF A SEPTEMBER PEACE TREATY

Rumors that a GDR peace treaty would be signed immediately after the German elections (September 17) and before the opening of the UN (September 19) have been circulating since early September. The common source of the various versions appears to have been East Berlin journalist circles, from which the story then spread to SPD channels.

Origin of Early Peace Treaty Rumors. We are of the opinion these rumors developed from the wording of an official GDR declaration of August 31 calling on the country to "turn the elections of September 17 into a unanimous profession for the immediate conclusion of the peace treaty." They were probably further nourished by evidence of large-scale official activity connected with the internal security measures planned for about that time and with which you are familiar. In any event, there is no evidence to support the theory.

Evidence to the Contrary. Arguing against it are the facts that (a) bloc sources have recently again begun to cite the "year-end" date for the treaty, Nehru reported following his Moscow visit that the USSR intended to call a peace conference in November, the Rumanian minister to Washington told Mr. Kohler the treaty would be signed in November, and GDR spokesmen have on several occasions referred to a Warsaw Pact Foreign Ministers meeting in "late fall" to plan for the treaty; and (b) the World Federation of Trade Unions is

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to meet in Berlin September 22-24 to discuss the need for a German peace treaty, an unlikely agenda if the treaty were to be already signed.

Internal Security Rather Than A Treaty. Thus, we discount the idea of a peace treaty in September. However, we believe important developments related to the strengthening of internal security in East Germany are likely to occur during the month.

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